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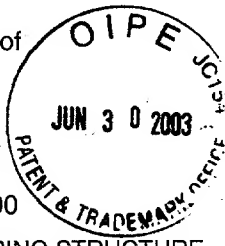
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, the period for response having been extended two (2) months by petition herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1, 8, 31, 37 and 51 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

2. (Amended) The sound absorbing structure according to claim 34, wherein said porous member includes a structure formed by mixing open-cells and closed-cells.